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**BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE
RUSSELL CITY ENERGY CENTER
(RUSSELL CITY)**

**DOCKET NO. 01-AFC-7
(AFC ACCEPTED 07/11/01)**

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL HEARING AND SITE VISIT

I. INFORMATIONAL HEARING AND SITE VISIT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE The Committee designated to conduct proceedings on the Application for Certification for the *RUSSELL CITY ENERGY CENTER* will hold an INFORMATIONAL HEARING and SITE VISIT as follows:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2001

Beginning at 5:30 pm

City of Hayward, City Hall

777 "B" Street

Hayward, California 94541

[Wheelchair accessible]

(Map Attached)

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The Informational Hearing will convene at 5:30 p.m. and then recess to allow for a Site Visit during daylight hours. Bus transportation to the site will leave from the hearing location at 6:00 p.m. Reservations for bus transportation must be made through the Public Adviser's Office; please call (916) 654-4489 or toll-free (800) 822-6228 no later than Thursday, August 2, 2001. Following the Site Visit, the buses will return to the hearing location and the Informational Hearing will reconvene at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Landowners, members of the general public, and interested agencies are invited to attend this event or any portion of this event, and question the Applicant and Energy Commission staff concerning the project. The Energy Commission's Public Adviser, Roberta Mendonca, will be present to assist interested individuals and organizations and to provide information on participating in the Energy Commission's certification process. Ms. Mendoca may be reached at (916) 654-4489 or, (800) 822-6228 or email: PAO@energy.state.ca.us

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On May 22, 2001, Calpine Corporation and Bechtel Enterprises Holdings, Inc., known as the Calpine/Bechtel Joint Development filed an Application for Certification (AFC) with the Energy Commission seeking approval to construct and operate a 600-megawatt (MW), natural gas-fired, combined-cycle electric generating facility in the City of Hayward.

On July 11, 2001, the Energy Commission began its 6-month review of the AFC to determine whether the project will comply with all applicable laws. The Informational Hearing scheduled in this Notice is sponsored by the Energy Commission to inform the public about the project and to invite public participation in this review.

Project Description

The Russell City Energy Center (RCEC) project site is located in the Industrial Corridor of the City of Hayward, Alameda County, California. The proposed 14.7-acre project site is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Enterprise Avenue and Whitesell Street, directly south of the City of Hayward's Water Pollution Control Facility.

The proposed project consists of: two "F-Class" combustion turbine-generators; two multi-pressure, supplementary-fired heat recovery steam generators; a single, 3-pressure, reheat, condensing steam turbine-generator; and a hybrid, wet/dry plume-abated, mechanical draft cooling tower.

Related facilities include: a 230-kilovolt (kV) on-site switchyard; approximately 1.1 mile 230-kV, double-circuit, overhead transmission line (this line would connect the RCEC switchyard; to the existing Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) Eastshore substation via PG&E's existing Eastshore-to-Grant 115-kV transmission corridor); approximately 0.9 miles of underground natural gas pipeline that would extend from PG&E's gas distribution line 153 to the RCEC site; approximately 100 feet of new domestic water/firewater pipeline from the existing City water main under Whitesell Street; and approximately 2,000 feet of new industrial wastewater discharge pipeline.

Purpose of the Informational Hearing

Licensing of the proposed RCEC and related facilities is under the Energy Commission's jurisdiction. The power plant certification process, which contains requirements equivalent to those under the California Environmental Quality Act, will examine all relevant engineering and environmental aspects of the proposed project. This process provides a public forum allowing:

- ⇒ Applicant,
- ⇒ Energy Commission Staff,
- ⇒ interested parties,
- ⇒ governmental agencies,
- ⇒ landowners, and
- ⇒ members of the general public

to consider the relative advantages and disadvantages of the project, and to propose changes or alternatives to the project as necessary.

At the Informational Hearing, any of the foregoing participants will have an opportunity to obtain information and to offer comments on the AFC. (Copies of the AFC can be obtained at your local library). Applicant will explain plans for developing the proposed site and related facilities. Energy Commission Staff will explain the administrative licensing process and their role in reviewing the application. Applicant and Energy Commission Staff will also discuss proposed schedules and possible issues that may be significant during this proceeding.

II. PROPOSED SCHEDULES AND ISSUE STATEMENTS

In order to assist participants in understanding the project, Staff is directed to prepare and serve upon those listed on the Proof of Service List, an Issue Identification Report (IIR), which summarizes the potential major issues in this case no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, July 31, 2001**. Copies of the IIR written statement may be obtained by calling Luz Manriquez-Uresti, the Project Secretary, at (916) 654-3928. The IIR will also be available on the Energy Commission's Internet home page at:
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/russellcity/index.html>

In addition, Applicant and Energy Commission Staff shall file proposed schedules for the certification review. The proposed schedules must be submitted no later than **Friday, August 3, 2001**.

III. INFORMATION

Members of the public may participate in all phases of the licensing process in a variety of ways. If you need information concerning public participation, please contact Roberta Mendonca, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or, toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228 or email: **PAO@energy.state.ca.us** Please contact Robert Sifuentes at (916) 654-5004 if you require special accommodation to participate at this meeting.


Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to Kae Lewis, the Energy Commission's Project Manager, at (916) 654-4176 or email at: **klewis@energy.state.ca.us**

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Gary Fay, the Hearing Officer, at (916) 654-3965 or email at: gfay@energy.stat.ca.us.

Media inquiries should be directed to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Executive Director for Media and Public Communications at (916) 654-4989 or email at: energiam@energy.ca.gov

Information concerning the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents, is also available on the Energy Commission's Internet home page at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/russellcity/index.html>

Dated July 19, 2001, at Sacramento, California

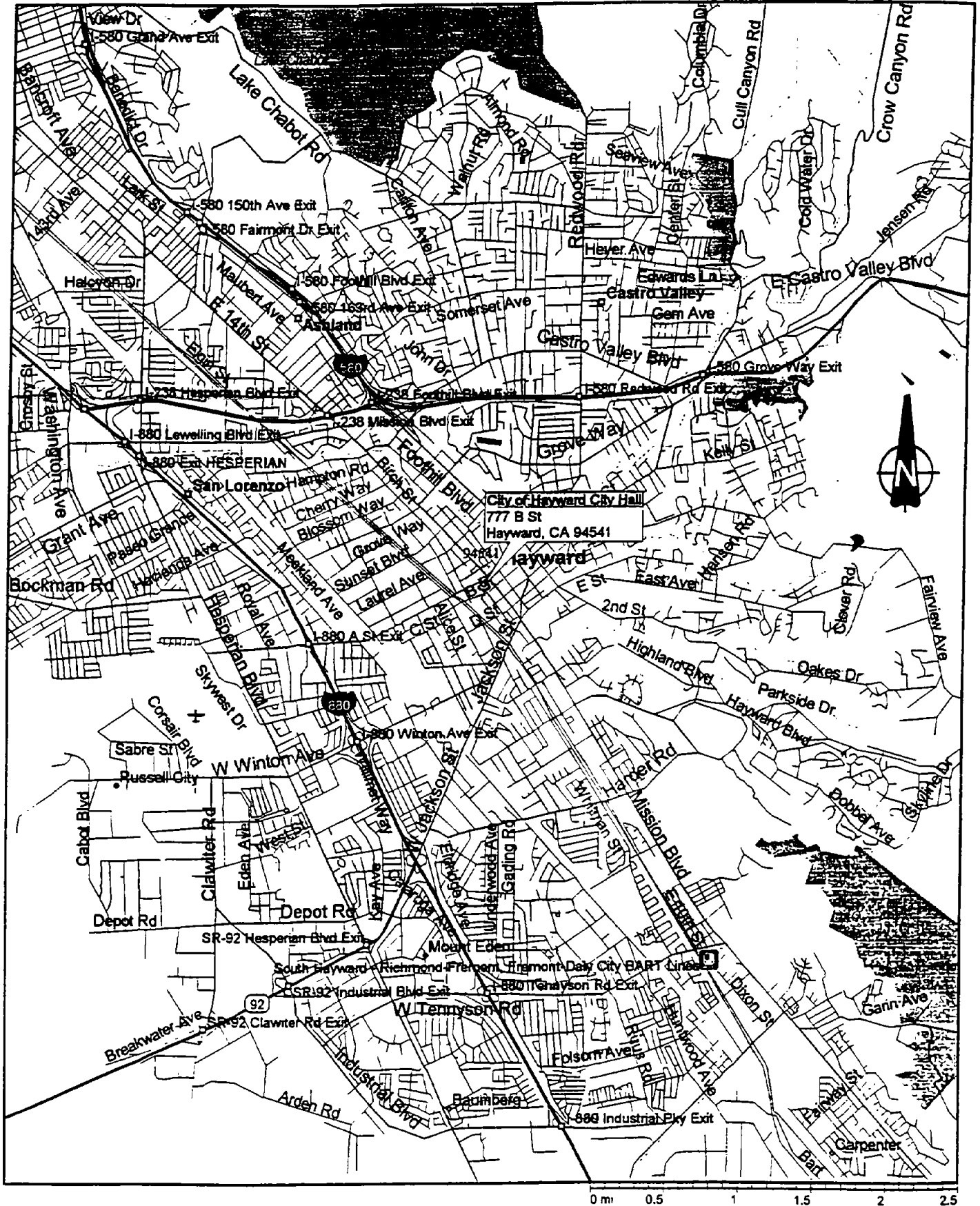


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Energy Resources Conservation
and Development Commission

In the Matter of:

Application for Certification
for the RUSSELL CITY
ENERGY CENTER Project

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[*REVISED July 19, 2001]

I, SANDRA M. HARRIS, declare that on JUNE 19, 2001, I deposited copies of the attached NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING & SITE VISIT - with attached current- PROOF OF SERVICE LIST in the United States mail at Sacramento, CA with first class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to the following:

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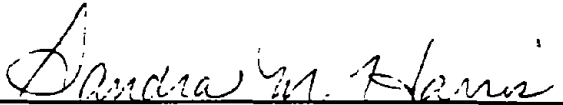
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